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1. The KRUSTPILS (25°52'E/56°31'N) airfield was located about 3,300 feet north of the RR station. Two large barracks buildings were located on the eastern border. Flight and parachute training with U-2s was frequently observed. A temporary occupation by 20 to 25 twin-engine aircraft was observed in summer.
2. An air force spare parts depot was located about 10,000 feet southeast of KRUSTPILS, west of the RR line to DAUGAVPILS (DUENABURG). In its northern section there was a former farm house (castle) with annexes which had been improved as quarters. Immediately south there were about 15 cantonment buildings, some of which served as quarters, others as storerooms for aircraft spare parts (weapons, wings, wheels, engines, fuel tanks etc.).
3. A second airfield, about 6,600 x 10,000 feet, was located about 10,000 feet southeast of JEKABPILS (25°52'E/56°30'N), west of the Duena River. This field was always occupied by twin-engine aircraft. The airfield personnel were quartered in some buildings of the spare parts depot of KRUSTPILS (see para 2); they were daily ferried over the Duena River to the airfield.

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## COMMENT:

- a. The information in para 1 confirms previous reports. A primary pilot school is assumed to be located at the KRUSTPILS airfield.
- b. This is the first information on an air force spare parts depot southeast of KRUSTPILS. The existence of this spare parts distributing point may account for the observed shipment of spare parts at the KRUSTPILS airfield in April 1947.
- c. The airfield southeast of JEKABPILS is reported for the first time. For lack of comparable information it cannot be determined whether the observed twin-engine aircraft were transport or bomber aircraft.

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